



IMAGINE SHARON DRAFT GOALS


The following are draft goals for the plan. Please see the corresponding posters around the room for details on recommendations to achieve these goals. To leave feedback on each goal, organize your responses based on the corresponding code in the tables below.



Cultural and Historic Resources 	Code	Goal
	C1	Make strong connections through communication and coordination between Sharon's arts, culture, and business communities to support vibrant public spaces and robust amenities and services for residents and visitors.
	C2	Better utilize existing buildings and physical spaces for arts and culture and identify new opportunities for multi-use arts and cultural spaces in town.
	C3	Celebrate and make known the full breadth of Sharon's history and historic resources.
	C4	Support a unified approach to coordinating, funding, and marketing arts, cultural, and historic assets and events in the town.

Economic Vitality 	Code	Goal
	E1	Enhance and reinforce Post Office Square as a community center for local businesses and activities.
	E2	Create a strong, supportive environment for local businesses and self-employed/start-ups.
	E3	Expand commercial and industrial development to create a more balanced tax base.
	E4	Create septic and sewer capacity to foster economic development.
	E5	Develop new capacity to undertake economic development and related activities.

Housing 	Code	Goal
	H1	Support and encourage mixed-use development in appropriate areas in town, e.g. Post Office Square, Cobbs Corner, Shaw's Plaza, and the Heights Plaza area.
	H2	Promote and allow housing types for aging in community, especially options that foster community and intergenerational connections in walkable neighborhoods with access to services and shops.
	H3	Create green and sustainable housing, including mixed-use options and walkable locations in close proximity to shops and services.
	H4	Create and preserve affordable units, particularly rental units, to ensure continued socioeconomic diversity and to maintain at least 10% of Sharon's year-round housing stock as affordable per MGL c.40B.

Land Use and Zoning 	Code	Goal
	L1	Encourage mixed-use development, where appropriate, to support connectivity, walkability, aging in community, and local businesses.
	L2	Encourage economic growth and development in the town's commercial and industrial districts to generate an increase in commercial tax revenue and to create destinations for residents and visitors.
	L3	Maintain the character of the town and its neighborhoods while allowing appropriate redevelopment and growth.
	L4	Coordinate Town efforts to plan for future infrastructure, services, programs, facilities, and finances.

Open Space, Recreation, and Natural Resources



Code	Goal
O1	Preserve and actively maintain the town's natural resources and water quality and supply.
O2	Ensure long-term preservation and maintenance of open space and agriculture properties.
O3	Connect passive and active recreational spaces, trails, and natural resources, including the Lake.
O4	Expand recreational opportunities for all age groups and abilities in town.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure



Code	Goal
P1	Improve the septic and sewage treatment conditions and facilities in town.
P2	Maintain and improve existing Town facilities.
P3	Maintain and improve physical infrastructure systems in town.
P4	Expand funding sources to improve infrastructure, programs, and services.
P5	Improve communication and social systems in town.
P6	Support the continuing quality of Sharon's public school system.

Transportation and Mobility



Code	Goal
T1	Continue to adhere to and promote Complete Streets principles with all roadway infrastructure improvements to increase walkability and bikability.
T2	Improve pedestrian safety and accessibility for all ages and abilities through Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.
T3	Expand local and regional transportation networks by partnering with existing organizations that support transit and shared mobility.
T4	Implement transportation policies and infrastructure improvements holistically to promote transportation and land use connections.

Community Health*



* Prepared by the Health Subcommittee of the MPSC with MAPC assistance.

Code	Goal
CH1	Promote environments that foster formal and informal connections among neighbors and peers to enhance social capital and intergenerational ties.
CH2	Support the mental and emotional wellness of children and youth to reduce the potential for risky behaviors and to increase opportunities among all youth in town.
CH3	Enhance Public Health resources to address environmental exposures and respond to threats that could affect the physical health and mental wellbeing of residents.
CH4	Continue prioritization of active transportation and traffic safety investments to support daily physical activity and exposure to health-supporting environments.
CH5	Pursue an Age and Dementia Friendly Strategy to increase opportunities for residents to age in community.
CH6	Consider health impacts of proposed projects and policies by integrating a health and equity lens into local decision-making.

